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said metal;

wherein said composition is effective to catalyze the enantioselective alkylation of an allyl group bearing a leaving group at its allylic position.--

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58. The composition of claim 57, wherein in said process said metal is molybdenum (0).--

Remarks

The specification is amended to add priority information.

Claim 17 is amended to change the phrase "said central metal atom", which does not have proper antecedent basis in the claim as written, to "a metal atom selected from the group consisting of molybdenum, tungsten, and chromium". Support is found in the specification at, for example, page 9, lines 23-24, and page 7, lines 15-16.

New claims 55 and 56 recite preferred subsets of the chiral ligands recited in claim 17. Support is found at page 7, lines 33-38 and 25-30 and at page 8, lines 18-19 of the specification. New claims 57 and 58 are directed to compositions comprising a chiral ligand as described at page 8, lines 22-27 of the specification.

Entry of this amendment prior to examination is respectfully requested. No new matter is added by any of the amendments.

No further fees are believed necessary with this communication. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized and requested to charge any deficiency in fees herein, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 04-0531.

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